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April 29, 2025

Her Excellency Xiomara Castro  
President of the Republic of Honduras  
Palacio José Cecilio del Valle  
Boulevard Juan Pablo II  
Tegucigalpa, Francisco Morazán  
Honduras

Dear President Castro:

I write to express my urgent and grave concern over the U.S. citizen children wrongfully cast out of the United States last week. It is unconstitutional and immoral to cast out American children from the United States. I urgently seek your help to provide the appropriate assistance to these children.

As you may know, the Trump Administration has removed several American citizen children last week from the country. A federal judge has declared that it is his “strong suspicion that the Government just deported a U.S. citizen with no meaningful process” which is clearly “illegal and unconstitutional”<sup>1</sup>. Additionally, a 4-year-old who was taken away had stage 4 cancer.

As mothers, we both understand that no child should be forcefully torn from her homeland and unlawfully taken to a foreign country without due process or protection. I urge your immediate assistance to help ensure these American children are given the opportunity to return to the United States - should their legal guardians consent – and that the children are provided all necessary assistance to ensure their health and safety, particularly the child who needs medical attention for cancer treatment.

Under the last Administration, I funded the *Central America Women and Children Protection Act* to enable our countries to work together to help protect vulnerable women and children in the Americas. I was [delighted](#) when you agreed to work with the United States to help protect Honduran women and children from violence. I hope you will do everything in your power to work with me to safeguard these American children caught up in the Trump Administration’s illegal actions against immigrants and citizens alike.

The United States is a nation founded by immigrants and thrives due to their contributions. It is unacceptable that the Trump Administration has vilified immigrants, disregarded due process

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<sup>1</sup> United States v. Defendant, No. 2:23-cv-210781, Document 8 (W.D. La. Apr. 27, 2025).

and the rule of law, and ignored court orders to stop illegal actions against immigrants and U.S. citizens. Not only does this betray our Constitution and our values, it also has numerous negative impacts on our everyday lives, from safety to the economy.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical matter. I look forward to working together to safeguard these vulnerable children from harm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Norma J. Torres". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Norma J. Torres  
Member of Congress